

REMARKS

The Official Action dated February 15, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully noted. In view thereof, the specification has been amended and consequently it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in proper condition for allowance.

Claims 1-18 are presently pending in the instant application.

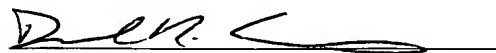
With reference to page 2 of the Office Action, the drawings and specification have been objected to in that the specification on page 1 refers to "Fig. 7" which is missing from the application. As can be seen from the foregoing amendments, reference to Fig. 7 on page 1 of the specification has been deleted and consequently it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in proper formal condition for allowance.

As noted on page 3 of the Office Action, claims 1-18 have been indicated as being allowable over the prior art of record and the application otherwise being in condition for allowance but for the inclusion of reference to Fig. 7 on page 1 of the specification. Again, in view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in proper condition for allowance.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the objection of record be reconsidered and withdrawn by the Examiner, that claims 1-18 again be allowed and that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner believe a conference would be of benefit in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, he is hereby invited to telephone counsel to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,



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